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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF OTTO A. SILHA

1. MR. OTTO A. SILHA, PRESIDENT OF THE MINNEAPOLIS STAR AND TRIBUNE COMPANY, WILL BE TRAVELLING WITH HIS WIFE TO ADDRESSEE POSTS FROM NOVEMBER 18 THROUGH DECEMBER 2. MR. SILHA HAS REQUESTED BRIEFINGS FROM THE POSTS ON THE SUBJECTS OF GENERAL US RELATIONS WITH HOST COUNTRY AND PRESENT ECONOMIC SITUATION WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON (1) LOCAL EFFECTS OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCE SHORT-AGES AND (2) HOST COUNTRY INVESTMENT IN THE US. MR. SILHA IS PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN URBAN PLANNING AND "EXPERIMENTAL CITIES" AND WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH LOCAL EXPERTS IN THIS FIELD.

2. MR. AND MRS. SILHA'S ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:

NOVEMBER 18 TO 21 TOKYO IMPERIAL HOTEL

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NOVEMBER 21 TO 23 KYOTO OSAKA MIYAKO HOTEL

NOVEMBER 23 TO 26 BANGKOK SIAM INTERCONTINENTAL
HOTEL

NOVEMBER 26 TO 28 SINGAPORE SINGAPORE-IMPERIAL HOTEL

NOVEMBER 28 TO DEC. 2 HONG KONG HOTEL EXCELSIOR

3. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT MR. AND MRS. SILHA AT

THEIR HOTELS FOLLOWING ARRIVAL AND TO AFFORD THEM
APPROPRIATE COURTESIES AND ASSISTANCE.

4. FYI: MINNEAPOLIS STAR AND TRIBUNE COMPANY CONTROLS A
VARIETY OF NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO-TV STATIONS THROUGHOUT
THE MIDWEST OF WHICH STAR AND TRIBUNE IN MINNEAPOLIS
ARE FLAGSHIP PAPERS. COMPANY ALSO HOLDS SIGNIFICANT
INTEREST IN HARPER AND ROW PUBLISHERS AND HARPERS
MAGAZINE.

5. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS WHO HAVE MET WITH SILHA HAVE
FOUND HIM BOTH KNOWLEDGEABLE AND PERCEPTIVE AND WELL
WORTH THE POSTS' ATTENTION. RUSH

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